

WASHINGTON COUNTY (UTAH). COUNTY RECORDER ^[1325]

GRANTEE INDEXES, 1888-ongoing

7 microfilm reels

DESCRIPTION: Utah law requires that each county recorder shall keep a grantee index, which references all deeds and final judgments affecting the title or possession of real property. This index must include the following information: grantee's or buyer's name in alphabetical order; grantor's name, date of the instrument, date of filing, kind of instrument, number of instrument, consideration, book and page number where recorded, and a brief description of the premises (Utah Code, Unannotated, 1988, 17- 21- 6). This law, enacted by the Territorial Legislature in 1888, prompted the Washington County recorder to begin keeping this index (Laws of the Territory of Utah, 1888, chapter XLIX, section 7). The grantee index provides access to a wide variety of documents relating to land ownership, such as different kinds of deeds, mortgages, notices, affidavits, decrees, mining claims and patents. The Washington County recorder also used this index to reference some documents not related to land ownership. These include military discharges, bonds and oaths of office.

ARRANGEMENT: The county recorder kept a running index, grouping entries according to the first letter of the grantee's surname. Under each letter she filed entries chronologically.

RESEARCH NOTE: The Washington County recorder designated sections of Books 2, 3 and 4 to make entries for each letter of the alphabet. When a section became full, she frequently continued filing at the end of a section designated for a different letter. For example, in Book 2, A's are continued at the end of the letter O, and P's are continued at the end of the letter, W. Additionally, each letter is continued to the next book on a different date. For example, inclusive dates for the letter B are 1888-1916 in Book 2, and 1888-1936 for the letter R. Book 3 includes 1917-1937 for B and no entries for R. Entries in Book 4 commence

between 1936 and 1939 and all end in May 1943. Beginning with Book 5 each book has specific inclusive dates.

RELATED RECORDS: The Grantee Index provides an index to buyer or receiver in the following Washington County records to the extent that these records were recorded after 1888: DEEDS (SAINT GEORGE), series 23286; DEEDS (WASHINGTON), series 23262; DEEDS, (PINE VALLEY), series 23264; DEEDS, (SILVER REEF), series 23263; DEEDS, (TOQUERVILLE), series 23265; WATER CERTIFICATES AND DEEDS, series 23251; MINING RECORDS, series 81372; MORTGAGES, series 82705; LAND CERTIFICATES, series 23279; CEMETERY DEEDS, series 19511; MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOKS, series 82707; AGREEMENTS AND LEASES, series 84209; MILITARY DISCHARGES, series 84234; OATHS OF OFFICE AND BONDS, series 23518; AUDITOR'S TAX DEEDS, series 84213; MINING NOTICES OF LOCATION, series 81372; MINING PROOF OF LABOR, series 23671; MINING DEEDS, series 23669; and OFFICIAL RECORDS, series 7067. Series 82704, GRANTOR INDEXES contains the same information, but is arranged according to seller or giver.

PROCESSING NOTE: The Washington County grantee indexes were microfilmed by Utah State Archives in April 1988 and processed by Rosemary Cundiff in January 2001.

PREFERRED CITATION: Cite the Utah State Archives and Records Service, the creating agency name, the series title, and the series number.

GAPS: There is no Book 1, however this does not impact coverage. There appear to be occasional lapses of coverage in Books 2 through 4.

CONTAINER LIST

Reel	Description
1	June 1888- ongoing (Book 2)
1	ongoing (Book 3, A-P)
2	ongoing (Book 3, P-Z)
2	ongoing (May 1943 Book 4)
2	May 1943-Jul 1948 (Book 5, A-T)
3	May 1943-Jul 1948 (Book 5, T-Z)
3	Aug 1948-Jul 1954 (Book 6)
3	Jul 1954-Oct 1957 (Book 7, A-M)
4	Jul 1954-Oct 1957 (Book 7, Mc-Z)
4	July 1957-May 1965 (Book 8)
4	June 1965-May 1970 (Book 9, A-C)
5	Jun 1965-May 1970 (Book 9, C-Z)
5	May 1970-Jan 1975 (Book 10, A-P)

Reel	Description
6	May 1970-Jan 1975 (Book 10, Q- Z)
6	Jan 1975-Oct 1978 (Book 11)
6	Oct 1978-Jul 1981 (Book 12, A-F)
7	Oct 1978-Jul 1981 (Book 12, F-Z)
7	Jul 1981-Nov 1983 (Book 13)